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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
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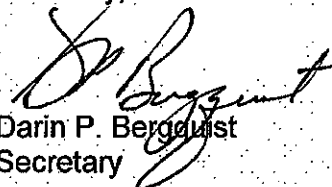
Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

I fully support the reconstruction of South Dakota 44 from Rapid Creek to Mountain View Road in Rapid City, South Dakota. This project is included in our STIP and has been fully vetted before the public.

This project will benefit the Rapid City transportation system and the thousands of tourists and visitors to South Dakota because South Dakota 44 is one of the major thoroughfares through Rapid City. The project will widen the existing roadway to provide additional room for motorists to safely and efficiently negotiate the corridor. In addition, the proposed project will provide designated bicycle lanes, reducing current and future congestion for the Rapid City community and surrounding areas.

I respectfully request your support of this project because it is both economically and environmentally beneficial for Rapid City, surrounding communities and the state's overall transportation system.

Sincerely,



Darin P. Bergquist
Secretary

Attachment